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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT - VANCE CHINA TRIP

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1. LOCAL PAPERS GIVE TOP BILLING TO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN PEKING AND MEETING WITH HUANG HUA: REPORT HODDING CARTER AS SAYING TAIWAN WILL BE DISCUSSED LATER AS ONE OF BILATERAL SUBJECTS. ALSO REPORT VANCE-HUANG EXCHANGE OF COMMENTS AT BANQUET.

2. ALL PAPERS CARRY STORIES OF HUA KUO-FENG REPORT TO 11TH PARTY CONGRESS REEMPHASIZING TERMS FOR NORMALIZATION. SEVERAL LEADING PAPERS FEATURE STORIES FROM WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS SAYING REPORTS FROM PEKING INDICATE CHINESE STICKING TO HARD LINE ON TAIWAN. UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO; 600,000) CARTOON SHOWS SECRETARY MEETING TENG HSIAO-PING AGAINST BACKGROUND OF PEOPLE'S DAILY FRONTPAGE WITH HEADLINE "STRONGLY FIGHT AGAINST AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS TO THE END."

3. UNITED DAILY NEWS BANNERED STORY QUOTES PREMIER  
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CHIANG RECENTLY TELLING KMT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING THAT PEKING'S AIMS ARE THREE TO ALIENATE U.S. AND ROC, TO INDUCE U.S. TO ACTS WHICH WILL LOSE ITS CREDIBILITY AMONG ALLIES AND TO STRENGTHEN PRC BARGAINING POSITION WITH USSR.

4. ALL PAPERS ALSO HIGHLIGHTING ANNIVERSARY OF 1958

"KINMEN BATTLE." ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA POST (30,000)  
FRONTPAGE PHOTO OF WAR SCENE NOTES "KINMEN SURVIVED ONE  
OF THE FIERCEST ATTACKS THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN WITHOUT  
A SINGLE AMERICAN SOLDIER TAKING PART DIRECTLY."

5. UNITED DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL TODAY URGED "GREATEST  
EFFORTS" TO INCREASE ROC NATIONAL DEFENSE CAPABILITY.  
CITES RAY CLINE BOOK ON WORLD MILITARY STRENGTH AND  
SAYS "... WE CAN BE REASONABLY SURE WE ARE NO LONGER  
MERELY A 'CHIP' IN THE HANDS OF OTHERS, BUT A SUBSTANTIAL  
'POWER ENTITY' IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA."

6. NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS (TAIWAN HSIN SHENG PAO; 110,000)  
EDITORIAL CALLS FOR ROC UNITY AND "STRENGTHENING  
SPIRITUAL FIGHTING POWER." SAYS 11TH CCP CONGRESS HELD  
"TO CREATE A FALSE IMAGE THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS  
ARE UNITED AND STABLE.. IT IS A DEPRESSING MOMENT FOR  
US. THUS WE MUST REINFORCE OUR OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS  
AND BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH ANY POSSIBLE SITUATION.  
MORE IMPORTANT, WE SHOULD STRENGTHEN OUR SPIRITUAL FIGHTING  
POWER FOR ACTION AND COMBAT."

7. IN YESTERDAY'S GREAT CHINA EVENING NEWS (TA HUA WAN  
PAO; 60,000) LOCAL DIPLOMATIC REPORTER WROTE THAT  
SINCE PRC CANNOT GUARANTEE NOT TO INVADE TAIWAN,  
SECRETARY MIGHT ASK FOR "IMPLICIT PROMISE PRC WILL  
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ACCEPT PEACEFUL SOLUTION ... OR REFRAIN FROM VIOLENT  
PROTEST IF U.S. EXPRESSES CONCERN FOR SECURITY AND  
FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE IN TAIWAN." WRITER SAYS "IN OTHER  
WORDS, IT MEANS A SECRET DEAL.. WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO FULL  
RECOGNITION OF PEKING." WRITER SAYS IF DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS CEASE "THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WILL NATURALLY  
CEASE. AS A RESULT, IF TAIWAN IS ATTACKED THE U.S.  
CANNOT TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT TAIWAN." NOTES THIS  
WOULD COST U.S. CREDIBILITY. SAYS EVEN IF  
NORMALIZATION NOT ACCOMPLISHED TRIP WILL "PROMOTE  
TRADE, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHICH MEANS A  
FURTHER STEP TO A FULL RELATIONSHIP."

8. AUGUST 22 YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY NEWS (CHIN NIEN CHAN  
SHIH PAO; 100,000) ARTICLE SAID "NORMALIZATION WOULD  
END THE TEMPORARY AND PRECARIOUS PEACE IN ASIA...  
AT THAT TIME THE U.S. WOULD HAVE TO PAY A MUCH HEAVIER  
PRICE TO TRY TO RESTORE ITS INTERESTS AND REPUTATION  
IN THE AREA."

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9. TODAY'S ECONOMIC DAILY NEWS (CHING CHIH JIH PAO; 100,000) EDITORIAL, "FROM VANCE'S TRIP TO HUMAN ECONOMIC RIGHTS," CRITIQUES PEOPLE'S ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ON MAINLAND, ACCUSES 7.S. OF DOUBLE STANDARD ON HUMAN RIGHTS, ASKS IF SECRETARY WILL RAISE HUMAN RIGHTS IN PEKING TALKS. " IT IS OUR HOPE THAT WHILE VANCE IS ENJOYING MAO TAI AND DELICIOUS MEAT, HE WOULD SPEND A LITTLE TIME TO INSPECT WHAT KIND OF LIFE THE PEOPLE LIVE AND THEN SEE IF THE U.S. SHOULD NORMALIZE RELATIONS."

10. YESTERDAY'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS (20,000) EDITORIAL "WE DESERVE BETTER" WORRIES SECRETARY MIGHT ACCEPT PRC CONDITIONS "IN RETURN FOR A MEANINGLESS RED CHINESE PROMISE TO KEEP THE PEACE IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS. THESE LAST FEW MONTHS SHOULD HAVE TAUGHT US THAT THE SEMANTICS OF 'NORMALIZATION' ARE EXTREMELY TRICKLY." PAPER DISCUSSES COMMENTS ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND WHETHER WITHDRAWAL FROM TAIWAN WOULD BE A "MAJOR" CHANGE. SAYS "OUR VIEW IS THAT TENSIONS HAVE INCREASED" AND PRC NO LONGER TALKS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS. SAYS TENG AND HUA NOT CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON TAIWAM BELIEVES NORMALIZATION SCENARIO WILL ALLOW TAIWAN "BREATHING SPELL" WHILE PRESIDENT DEALS WITH MORE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS BUT "HE IS STILL LOOKING FOR A 'FORMULA' AND HE IS BEING PUSHED BY

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ADMINISTRATION IN GENERAL AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THE  
ROC HAS BEEN ON THE DEFENSIVE EVER SINCE THE CARTER  
ADMINISTRATION TOOK OFFICE. THE ENEMY DEALS WITH  
MR. CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE. WE DEAL WITH UNDERLINGS.  
THE ENEMY TELLS THE U.S. WHAT TO DO. WE PLEAD WITH THE  
U.S. NOT TO DO IT. MAYBE WE CAN TAKE A SOMEWHAT  
STRONGER POSITION. THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE U.S.  
SHOULD TREAT THE ROC SHABBILY. A LOT OF AMERICANS IN  
HIGH PLACES ARE ASHAMED OF THEIR COUNTRY'S CONDUCT...  
WE COULD DEMAND THAT THE STATUS QUO BE MAINTAINED  
PENDING A SETTLEMENT BY THE CHINESE THEMSELVES...  
MEANWHILE THE U.S. WOULD MAINTAIN A PRESENCE IN TAIWAN  
AND REITERATE THAT THE DEFENSE TREATY REMAINS IN FORCE."  
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